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## Statement submitted by NABU — Knowledge Transfer Beyond Boundaries, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council*

The Secretary-General has received the following statement, which is being circulated in accordance with paragraphs 30 and 31 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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## Statement

In response to an open call for written statements, NABU — Knowledge Transfer Beyond Boundaries would like to make the following suggestions.

Using and applying information and communication technology can be instrumental in ensuring that all persons in need in the developing world can have access to education. This includes traditionally under represented communities such as women, children, indigenous populations, persons displaced by war, strife or other disruptive life events.

We further propose that information and communication technology can be used in ways that help underrepresented populations by providing access to on-line tools to find and identify resources they may not have been aware of. Moreover, information and communication technology can provide access to educational content and training material which can support sustainable development by creating critical skills and expanding pathways for individuals to attain employment or create economic opportunities through entrepreneurship.